



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2015, **Agenda Item #:** 47.

5/21/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Little Walnut Creek-Jamestown Tributary Erosion and Drainage Improvements project, for the public use of a storm drain infrastructure project to reduce flood risk, the acquisition of a drainage easement being approximately 0.028 of one acre (1,217 sq. ft.) of land, more or less, out of and part of the James P. Wallace Survey No. 57, Abstract No. 789, in Travis County, Texas, same being a portion of Lot 2, Block "D", Jamestown Section One recorded in book 18, page 92 of the plat records of Travis County Texas, conveyed to Benjamin C. Grimm by probate executed on July 25, 2000, filed for record on August 15, 2000 and recorded in PC#C-1-PB-15-000778 of the Probate Court of Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$9,263. The owners of the needed property are Andrea J. Smith and Ben C. Grimm. The property is located at 8603 Bridgeport Drive, Austin, Texas 78758. The general route of the project is along Jamestown Drive just west of Lamar Boulevard and south of Payton Gin Road.

Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$9,263 is available in the FY2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Watershed Protection Department (WPD) has identified an area of increased erosion and flooding risk in the area of Jamestown Drive along Little Walnut Creek. The erosion risk is the second highest ranked area in the City and the localized flooding risk is ranked as the seventh highest in the City.

This project will protect yards, trees, buildings and infrastructure by restoring and stabilizing approximately 2,500 linear feet of Little Walnut Creek using native materials and plantings. It will also reduce the risk of localized flooding to properties along Jamestown Drive through the construction of 2,000 linear feet of storm drain. Additionally, the project will increase the culvert capacity of two flood-prone streets crossing the creek.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed property at 8603 Bridgeport Drive. Negotiations have come to an impasse. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.

Strategic Outcome(s):

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